- 1 then?
- 2 WITNESS CALHOUN: No. And what I'm looking
- 3 at here is they -- if you look in the far right
- 4 column, the ACNA code, the access carrier name
- 5 abbreviation, what it appears to me is that they're
- 6 appearing in random alphabetical order, but the
- 7 alphabetization is being done by the ACNA code as
- 8 opposed to the actual name of the carrier.
- 9 Q (By Mr. Melson) Ms. Calhoun, to follow up
- 10 on Commissioner Garcia's question, if the customer
- 11 said "I want MCI for local service, but I'm really
- 12 happy with U.S. West, and I'd like to choose them,"
- 13 does MCI have the option of saying "We're sorry, we
- 14 don't allow our customers to choose any carrier for
- 15 long distance but MCI," if you know?
- 16 A Are you asking me for a -- I mean, legally I
- 17 don't know.
- 18 Q All right. Rather than -- we've clicked
- 19 through about five screens at this point, and I quess
- 20 I'm afraid that if U.S. West's ACNA code starts with
- 21 "U," we've got several more to go.
- 22 So let's abandon this exercise and let's
- 23 just choose Midcom, since they're showing on the
- 24 screen now. How would that carrier now be chosen as
- 25 my intraLATA carrier?

1 A On your order you would enter the PIC

- 2 code 0648.
- 3 Q So at this point I need to either cut and
- 4 paste that or write it down so that when I move to my
- 5 EDI interface I know the correct code?
- 6 A Yes. Or as an ALEC, you could choose to
- 7 take the information that comes from LENS and use
- 8 software on your side of the interface to integrate it
- 9 with your ordering system.
- 10 Q Let me ask this: When a customer says to a
- 11 BellSouth customer service representative, "I don't
- 12 know what carrier I want, could you read me a list,"
- 13 that comes up in random order; is that correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q If the customer says, "I want U.S. West,"
- 16 isn't it true that the customer service representative
- 17 just begins typing that name in, and as soon as it
- 18 gets to U.S. West, it hops down in a list and displays
- 19 that carrier and code?
- 20 A Yes. And that's the same search capability
- 21 that I said earlier that we would add to LENS.
- 22 Q But that capability does not exist today?
- 23 A That's right.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DEASON: When will that be
- 25 available?

- 1 through these would have these codes in alphabetical
- 2 order before them anyway in a hard copy; is that not
- 3 correct?
- 4 WITNESS CALHOUN: They could, yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So if the occurrence
- 6 happened that Mr. Melson's -- or MCI wanted to give
- 7 U.S. West as a long distance provider, that service
- 8 representative could just scroll through it and find
- 9 that because that would probably not be a usual
- 10 occurrence?
- 11 WITNESS CALHOUN: If I were an ALEC and I
- 12 had a predetermined relationship with an interexchange
- 13 carrier or a set of interexchange carriers, then yes,
- 14 the service representatives would have that
- 15 information available to them.
- 16 Q (By Mr. Melson) Let's move to the next
- 17 portion of this screen. Is this where we see the
- 18 service features that are available in this office?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And is there a way to expand that list and
- 21 see some more of it?
- 22 A We can scroll down through it.
- Q Now, can everything that we're seeing on
- 24 this list be ordered through the EDI interface?
- 25 A No. This is the list of every service that

1 BellSouth offers, including the complex services that,

- 2 as I described earlier even for BellSouth retail
- 3 customers, are handled on a manual basis.
- 4 O Does this screen indicate at all which
- 5 services can be ordered through EDI and which services
- 6 have to be ordered on a manual basis?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Can we check on the availability in this
- 9 office of call waiting? How is that done?
- 10 A You would click on "custom calling".
- 11 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Can we go back for a
- 12 second? So there are services there that are offered
- 13 that I would not be able -- that Mr. Melson would
- 14 not -- or MCI would not be able to offer the customer,
- 15 and yet they're listed, and there's no way that that's
- 16 coded for me to be able to know that I'm not being
- 17 able to offer that?
- 18 WITNESS CALHOUN: No. All BellSouth's
- 19 services are available for resale. He would be able
- 20 to offer his customers any service that BellSouth has
- 21 available for resale. His question was, are there
- 22 services here -- can he order every service here
- 23 through the electronic data interexchange, ordering --
- 24 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Every service that's
- 25 listed there, you do -- Mr. Melson or MCI would be

- 1 classes of service are provided there.
- 2 Q So the classes of service I get from the
- 3 guide, the features and functions I get from this LENS
- 4 screen?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Let's return to the switch details. Is
- 7 there anything else that in the normal course of
- 8 interaction with a customer that I'm going to need to
- 9 do in the features and services screen?
- 10 A No, not that I can think of.
- 11 Q Let's go back to the main menu. Let me ask
- 12 this: If this interaction was with a BellSouth
- 13 customer service representative using RNS, and the
- 14 customer said "is call waiting available," isn't it
- 15 true that the BellSouth representative would find that
- 16 out by typing "call waiting" into a box and having the
- 17 system scroll down to that point in a list, if you
- 18 know?
- 19 A They would first have to click to get them
- 20 to the part of the system that showed them that
- 21 information; and then at that point, yes, they could
- 22 type in a feature name.
- Q Now, the customer says "I'd like to know
- 24 when this service is going to be -- when the service
- 25 can be installed. I would then go back to the main

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1 error messages either on its own systems or on the systems

- 2 that it provides to ALECs?
- 3 A On the first part of your question, on
- 4 BellSouth's retail systems, I'm not sure about measurements
- 5 per se. I know that there are some objectives for the
- 6 percentage of time that the system should be available. In
- 7 terms of the CLEC systems, I think it's the same. There is
- 8 an objective percentage, but questions about performance
- 9 measurements would probably be better directed to
- 10 BellSouth's performance measurements witness.
- 11 Q Hopefully he is watching. Is there, do you have
- 12 in your prefiled exhibits a copy of the view installation
- 13 calendar screen?
- 14 A I believe I do, but I'm looking, so if you
- 15 could --
- 16 Q I am also, so --
- 17 A Give me just a minute.
- 18 (Witness reviewed documents)
- 19 A There is one in the LENS user guide that is, I
- 20 think we determined was Exhibit GC-30, and there is one on
- 21 page 20.
- 22 Q All right. I found that. Page 20 of Exhibit
- 23 GC-30, which is part of Exhibit 42. In looking at that
- 24 document, at the top of the page, that shows days of the
- 25 week, shows whether the office is open or closed; is that C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 O And in the middle of the page it shows work
- 4 interval for various types of functions that require a
- 5 premises visit; is that correct?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And at the bottom of the page it shows dates that
- 8 are not available; is that correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And let's -- using page 20 as an example, if
- 11 today were May the 10th, how would I walk through this
- 12 screen and determine the date that could be promised the
- 13 customer?
- 14 A You would look at the interval for the type of
- 15 installation that was being done and -- well, that's the
- 16 first thing you would do, is you would determine when the
- 17 customer wanted service.
- 18 Q I want it yesterday.
- 19 A Okay. And if you just wanted to calculate what
- 20 the next available due date would be or determine the next
- 21 available due date, you would match the interval, which is
- 22 stated in business days, for the particular type of service
- 23 with the days that are available, or in this case, actually
- 24 the days that are not available.
- Q Okay. We are on May 9th, and I am installing one C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

1 new residential line. Can you walk me through figuring out

- 2 what the due date will be?
- 3 A Yes. We are on May 9th, and that counts as the
- 4 zero day, so two business days would be May 11th, but we
- 5 see that May 11th, May 12th and May 13th are closed, so the
- 6 first available day would be May 14th.
- 7 Q And at that point, the installation interval is
- 8 two days. Do I count two days from that point?
- 9 A No. It's two days --
- 10 O Excuse me.
- 11 A It's two days, but then you go to the next
- 12 available day if that's past two days.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Right. It's two days from
- 14 the day it's ordered?
- 15 WITNESS CALHOUN: Yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And if it's not available
- 17 then it moves up?
- 18 WITNESS CALHOUN: To the first available day.
- 19 Q And the list -- I believe we observed this
- 20 yesterday, but the list of dates that is not available is
- 21 not in chronological order; is that correct?
- 22 A Yes, that's right. The Georgia list was, and
- 23 again, I pointed out that there are some differences in
- 24 data bases among states.
- Commissioner DEASON: Is there any reason why
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- 1 it's the days that are not available as opposed to the days
- 2 that are available that are listed? Wouldn't it be easier
- 3 and more user friendly to just list the days that are
- 4 available for an installation as opposed to the days that
- 5 are not available?
- 6 WITNESS CALHOUN: It may be. Again, this is the
- 7 installation calendar that is kept updated by BellSouth's
- 8 network. This is not something new for CLECs. This is
- 9 something that BellSouth has used, and this is the way the
- 10 network organization has historically kept up with what
- 11 installation dates were available, and this is their way of
- 12 saying we know we are closed on this day. That might have
- 13 been a better way to approach it.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DEASON: What about now, I notice
- 15 in, I believe it was yesterday that we looked at a page for
- 16 a different central office, and for that central office
- 17 Sunday was not an available day, it was closed?
- 18 WITNESS CALHOUN: Right. Yes.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Now I don't know when May
- 20 the 14th is, but let's assume that was a Sunday and we were
- 21 dealing with a central office that was closed on Sunday,
- 22 how would we know that without having a calendar to show
- 23 that May 14th was a Sunday, assuming that was a Sunday?
- 24 WITNESS CALHOUN: I think you'd have to look at
- 25 the calendar. And what I have done in that situation is my C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 computer system has a calendar function in it, and I've
- 2 just opened the calendar and had it sitting there
- simultaneously with the installation calendar from LENS.
- 4 BY MR. MELSON:
- 5 Q Ms. Calhoun, let me now ask you how a
- 6 BellSouth -- well, strike that.
- 7 I believe you told us yesterday during your
- 8 demonstration that the ALEC sees the same installation
- 9 calendar as the BellSouth representative. Do you recall
- 10 that testimony?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Could you turn to your Exhibit GC-12, which is
- 13 part of Exhibit 41.
- 14 (Witness reviewed document)
- 15 Q And this is the installation calendar that a
- 16 BellSouth customer service representative using RNS sees;
- 17 is that correct?
- 18 A Technically it's not -- an installation calendar
- 19 is a term of art. This is a due date window in RNS that is
- 20 used to calculate a due date for a particular activity, so
- 21 it's a due date screen; but the installation calendar
- 22 itself is underlying this, and the actual installation
- 23 calendar can be viewed separately.
- Q If you were a BellSouth customer service
- 25 representative, would you normally view this due date
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1 part of the actual ordering process. The system has actual

- 2 ordering information to evaluate.
- 3 Q That was probably more of an answer than I
- 4 bargained for. Let me try it this way: If an ALEC is
- 5 using the inquiry mode of LENS to obtain, to estimate a due
- 6 date that it can provide to a customer and can use to fill
- 7 in the blank on the EDI order, do they use the installation
- 8 screen -- excuse me, the calendar screen that we looked at
- 9 in Exhibit GC-30? And that's a yes or a no.
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 O And if a BellSouth customer service
- 12 representative was taking an order for service and was
- 13 giving the customer a due date that would then flow in as
- 14 the requested due date in BellSouth's downstream systems,
- 15 is GC-12 the calendar that the residential rep would look
- 16 at?
- 17 A For residence customers, yes, not for business
- 18 customers.
- 19 Q Now this Exhibit GC-12 is not in color, is it?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q Thank you. The actual screen the representative
- 22 sees is in color; is that right?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q And isn't the first available due date on that
- 25 calendar highlighted in a color? I believe it's green, but C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

1 it's highlighted in a different color from the other dates

- 2 on the calendar?
- 3 A Yes.
- Q And in this case we are looking at April rather
- 5 than May, but let's say it was Friday the 11th, and the
- 6 first date available was showing to be the -- or the date
- 7 offered came back as the 17th, and the customer said, well,
- 8 can't you do it quicker than that, aren't the dates the
- 9 office is unavailable outlined in black?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q So that the customer -- if in fact the 13th,
- 12 14th, 15th and 16th were not available, the customer rep
- 13 could tell at a glance that those were dates that were for
- 14 some reason the office was closed or fully booked?
- 15 A Yes.
- MR. MELSON: I need just a minute.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEASON: While he is doing that, let
- 18 me ask a question. If the example given by Mr. Melson
- 19 showed that the first available installation date was the
- 20 17th, what would it matter if the office was closed -- if
- 21 that is the first installation date, what does it matter?
- 22 I mean that is going to tell you that there is no date
- 23 sooner than that; is that correct?
- 24 WITNESS CALHOUN: Right.
- 25 BY MR. MELSON:
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- 1 find out what had caused the reject, and they could then
- 2 make a determination as what needed to be done.
- 3 Q What are the options available to the local --
- 4 LCSC representative for dealing with that reject? I mean
- 5 what is it that might need to be done?
- A One type of reject we'll see is, for example,
- 7 when an address is validated, the system, the LENS system
- 8 would return a message saying that the address was valid,
- 9 but there may be an apartment number involved. If the CLEC
- 10 then ignores that and doesn't put an apartment number on
- 11 where one might have been required, then the system would
- 12 reject that, and the local carrier service center would
- 13 need to add that and then let the order go on.
- 14 Q And how does the local carrier service center
- 15 know what apartment to put in?
- 16 A It may be something that is fairly apparent by
- 17 looking at the customer's record, or it may be something
- 18 that they would need to get clarification from the CLEC on.
- 19 Q And if it's something -- if the reject needs to
- 20 be communicated back to the CLEC, how is that communication
- 21 made?
- 22 A Either by telephone or by fax.
- 23 Q Now if RNS or DOE reject an order that has been
- 24 placed by a BellSouth customer service representative, all
- of those rejections are communicated back electronically to C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- l the person or group who will ultimately deal with fixing
- 2 the error; is that correct?
- 3 A Yes. There is an error correction group that
- 4 receives orders that are rejected.
- 5 Q So there is never a fax or a phone call to
- 6 communicate that information?
- 7 A Well, at that point the person handling the error
- 8 might need to call the customer who originally placed the
- 9 order to get the information.
- 10 Q I understand that BellSouth is not relying on
- 11 LENS ordering capability to satisfy its requirement of
- 12 nondiscriminatory access. Can you tell me why BellSouth
- 13 then offers an ordering capability in LENS?
- 14 A Yes. Ordering capability was initially designed
- 15 in LENS under the thinking that EDI, as I described
- 16 yesterday, has historically been used only by large
- 17 carriers. We, as I also explained yesterday, arranged to
- 18 make the benefits of EDI available to small carriers as
- 19 well. So LENS is still available as an option, as an
- 20 ordering option.
- 21 Q I'm going to ask hopefully a short series of
- 22 questions about the ordering function in LENS. If an ALEC
- 23 customer service representative is placing an order through
- 24 LENS and they get to the end, they've completed the order,
- 25 they are about to transmit it to BellSouth, is there a way
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- 1 the addition of a single central office feature such as
- 2 call waiting one did not have to consult the interval
- 3 calendar, one could simply put it in today if the order was
- 4 submitted before 3 p.m.; is that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Turn, if you would, to pages 17 and 18. I guess
- 7 that's actually a single screen, but let's turn to page
- 8 18. Do you see there that four features are being added to
- 9 this line, namely, ESSX, which is the new call waiting, and
- 10 then the three preexisting services, call return blocking,
- 11 repeat dial blocking and custom toll restriction?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And I believe you testified that on a conversion
- 14 as specified you had to list everything that was going to
- 15 be in place after the conversion?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Now look on page 21, if you would, and that's the
- 18 determine due date screen, and in the LENS firm ordering
- 19 mode, determine due date is the last thing one does before
- 20 one submits the order; is that correct?
- 21 A Yes
- 22 Q And that's because the due date calculator needs
- 23 to know what the order involves in order to return an
- 24 accurate due date?
- 25 A Yes.
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- 1 Q And page 21 shows desired due date of September
- 2 2nd, which is the same date that appears in the lower
- 3 left-hand corner of all of these pages, and it shows
- 4 anytime on the second; do you see that?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Turn to the last page, page 22, is this the
- 7 screen that is returned by LENS indicating a calculated due
- 8 date of September 5th?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And so in this instance, even though there is a
- 11 conversion as specified with the addition of a feature, the
- 12 BellSouth system is saying that we are not going to do that
- 13 in by three, out this afternoon, we are going to give you a
- 14 due date of September 5th; is that correct?
- 15 A Yes. All of the users of LENS have been notified
- 16 by an industry letter that we have received some unexpected
- 17 results on due date calculation in the firm order mode, and
- 18 this is an example of one such unexpected result. Again,
- 19 BellSouth is not relying on the ordering capabilities of
- 20 LENS; we are relying on the industry standard EDI ordering
- 21 method, and this a problem that we had identified. We've
- 22 notified the CLEC community that it exists, given them
- 23 procedures to follow in the interim and are working to
- 24 correct the problem.
- Q And was the industry notified of this by a C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 memorandum from BellSouth dated September 2nd, 1997?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And that would have been Tuesday of this week; is
- 4 that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Let me have a copy of that letter distributed and
- 7 ask if this is a letter by which the notification was made.
- 8 (Document distributed)
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Let me ask you --
- MR MELSON: Well, first let me ask that this
- 12 document, memorandum dated September 2nd, 1997 from J. M.
- 13 Baker, Re, due dates on LENS resale orders be identified as
- 14 Exhibit 48. Chairman Johnson, I'm sorry, could we identify
- 15 this as Exhibit 48, please?
- 16 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: It will be identified as
- 17 Exhibit 48.
- 18 BY MR. MELSON:
- 19 Q Ms. Calhoun, would you move to the last, the
- 20 third paragraph of this letter and read the second sentence
- 21 beginning with the words "Meanwhile?"
- 22 A I'm sorry, were you asking me to --
- 23 Q Yes, could you read that aloud, please?
- A "Meanwhile, if you are placing orders through
- 25 LENS for conversions as specified or for new installations C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 and the LENS order disagrees with the due date table,
- 2 please submit the LENS order with the calculated due date,
- 3 and then contact the local carrier service center for
- 4 assistance. If you are placing orders through the industry
- 5 recommended electronic data interchange ordering interface
- 6 or are issuing orders for conversion 'as-is' through LENS,
- 7 please continue to establish due dates as usual."
- 8 Q Let me ask you, if you are placing orders through
- 9 EDI, what is the usual method to establish due dates?
- 10 A The usual method of establishing due dates is to
- 11 consult the table of installation intervals, follow the
- 12 business rules, for example, for in by three, same day due
- 13 date or to use that information in conjunction with the
- 14 installation calendar for services requiring a premises
- 15 visit.
- 16 Q Does BellSouth -- has BellSouth ever recommended
- 17 to CLECs that they may choose to use the firm order mode of
- 18 LENS to perform pre-ordering functions?
- 19 A Yes, that's an option that is available.
- Q And if an ALEC were using the firm order mode of
- 21 LENS to perform pre-ordering functions and requested a
- 22 committed due date as shown on Exhibit 47, they would have
- 23 got a delayed due date for an order that involved only a
- 24 feature addition; is that correct?
- 25 A They may have. As this letter indicates, the C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 indication is that in the middle of the second paragraph,
- 2 may not always be calculating the correct due date for
- 3 those orders for some locations.
- 4 Q Let me ask this, do you know the percentage of
- 5 orders and locations for which an incorrect due date is
- 6 calculated?
- 7 A I don't. BellSouth just identified this problem
- 8 late Friday afternoon, evaluated it over the weekend,
- 9 notified the carriers immediately Tuesday, and has
- 10 proceeded to continue with its corrective action.
- 11 Q You discovered the problem on Friday?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Were you personally made aware of the problem
- 14 during your cross examination in Kentucky on Tuesday of
- 15 last week?
- 16 A I was not.
- 17 Q Let me ask you now about jeopardies, and that's a
- 18 term I don't believe we have defined yet. What does a
- 19 jeopardy mean to you?
- 20 A There are different meanings for the term
- 21 "jeopardy." Generally we talk about jeopardies in terms of
- 22 due dates that are not met.
- 23 Q So jeopardy would arise when a customer had been
- 24 given a committed due date and then for some reason due to
- downstream problems or processing that date could not be C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 would probably be an easier way to go.
- Q Well, that's not the way I prefer to go.
- 3 A Okay.
- Are you aware of any changes that have been made
- 5 to LENS since June 17th that would not be self evident to a
- 6 user of the system?
- 7 A I can't think of one off the top of my head.
- 8 Q Is the answer you don't know?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Thank you. What is CGI?
- 11 A CGI is an acronym for a common gateway interface.
- 12 Q And is there -- well, what is a common gateway
- 13 interface?
- 14 A A common gateway interface is a method or a
- 15 program, if you will, for taking the output of one
- 16 application and making it available for use in another
- 17 application. It's a program for manipulating data from one
- 18 system to another.
- 19 Q And has there been a CGI -- I'm going to call it
- 20 system; I don't know if system is the right word --
- 21 developed for use in conjunction with LENS?
- A No, it's something that BellSouth had proposed
- 23 and stood willing to make available, and we had discussions
- 24 with a number of parties about it, but to my knowledge
- 25 there is no one currently pursuing that option with us. C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 Q Did BellSouth at one point commence the
- 2 development of a CGI system for use with LENS?
- 3 A BellSouth began the development of a CGI
- 4 technical specification, but that's something different
- 5 than building a system. The actual CGI program would be
- 6 done on the -- or I guess I should say a portion of the
- 7 programming would be done on the CLEC side of the interface
- 8 as well.
- 9 Q Would a portion of the programming be done on
- 10 BellSouth's side of the interface?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q BellSouth -- Let me try and understand.
- 13 BellSouth began the development of a technical
- 14 specification for a CGI interface but at some point
- 15 abandoned that effort; is that correct?
- 16 A Yes, the effort was abandoned when it appeared
- 17 that there was not going to be a party pursuing that option
- 18 with us.
- 19 Q Now I believe you have testified that a user of
- 20 LENS might choose to integrate some of the pre-ordering
- 21 information from LENS with its own EDI system to avoid its
- 22 customer representative having to move from one system to
- 23 another; is that correct?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q Would that be a CGI application?
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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q At this point is it fair to say that BellSouth
- 3 has not completed the specifications for using CGI in
- 4 conjunction with LENS and has done no development of an
- 5 actual CGI -- the portion of the CGI that needs to be done
- 6 on BellSouth's side of the interface?
- 7 A While I would agree that it's true that BellSouth
- B does not have a completed specification, and it's also true
- 9 that we haven't done any of the development work, with the
- 10 specification that we have, there is a, more than a good
- 11 starting point of what needs to be done. The existing
- 12 specification would have to be updated as it is now a few
- 13 months out of date.
- 14 Q So whenever you say that an ALEC could design a
- 15 front-end system to integrate LENS and EDI, a prerequisite
- 16 to that is for BellSouth to complete the CGI specification
- 17 and for BellSouth to complete some CGI work on its side of
- 18 the interface; is that correct?
- 19 A No, I don't agree that it's a prerequisite.
- 20 There is enough information available as a starting point
- 21 that the work could proceed in parallel.
- 22 Q The work of a CLEC to turn up for commercial use
- 23 a system that -- a front-end system that integrates LENS
- 24 and EDI cannot be completed without further work by
- 25 BellSouth; is that correct? C & N REPORTERS TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA (850) 385-5501

- 1 A That's correct.
- 2 One final series of questions. Ms. Calhoun, you
- 3 talked earlier about the technical capability to submit an
- 4 order for more than one unbundled network element in a
- 5 single EDI transaction. Do you remember that conversation?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And I believe that you deferred any policy
- 8 questions about whether an ALEC would be allowed to combine
- 9 two elements to other witnesses. Am I remembering that
- 10 correctly?
- 11 A The whole question about combinations and who
- 12 does the combinations, yes, I believe are legal and policy
- 13 questions.
- 14 Q Okay. I want to ask you a technical question
- 15 about the capability of the interface and the downstream
- 16 systems. Assume that BellSouth were required to honor a
- 17 request for a loop/port combination in a situation where .
- 18 that loop and port are combined today in BellSouth's
- 19 network to serve the same end user the ALEC wants to
- 20 serve. Are you with me on the assumption?
- 21 A Are you talking about an existing service that --
- 22 Better try me again.
- Q Okay. Assume I am a BellSouth customer. I'm
- 24 served by -- The services provided to me makes use of a
- 25 loop and a port, correct?
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